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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, PL (GERALD R. FORD)
SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION OF WHITE HOUSE TRAVELLING PRESS FOR
PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO POLAND

REF STATE 175623

1. I SAW SPASOWSKI AT 10:00 A.M. THIS MORNING AND MADE
PRESENTATION BASED ON PARAS THREE THROUGH SIX OF REF.

2. SPASOWSKI THEN SAID THAT HE HAD LAST NIGHT RECEIVED
AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI'S TELEGRAM. HE HAD THUS BEEN
FOREWARNED ON OUR POSITION, HE SAID, AND WAS IMMEDIATELY
IN A POSITION TO TELL ME THE FOLLOWING.

A. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE POLISH AUTHORITIES TO GIVE A VISA
TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF RFE. YOU KNOW OUR POSITION, HE SAID,
AND YOU CERTAINLY KNOW WHAT RFE IS SAYING ABOUT POLAND.

B. HE UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT, FROM OUR STANDPOINT, MR.
HILL WAS VIEWED AS ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT AND AS PART
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.

C. THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO, HE SAID, IS CREATE SOME
DIFFICULTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT TO
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POLAND.

D. CONSEQUENTLY, IF THE US SIDE MAKES A REQUEST FOR MR. HILL TO RECEIVE A VISA IN ANY CAPACITY OTHER THAN THAT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF RFE, MR. HILL WILL IMMEDIATELY RECEIVE A VISA. (IN AN ASIDE, SPASOWSKI SAID THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE HILL'S NAME HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE LIST HANDED TO MR. KONOPACKI WITH THE IDENTIFICATION "RADIO FREE EUROPE." HOWEVER, SPASOWSKI SAID, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THIS CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION, THE POLES WOULD FORGET ABOUT THIS.)

3. I SAID THAT WE WOULD SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A VISA FOR MR. HILL, IDENTIFYING HIM ONLY AS A MEMBER OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS. SPASOWSKI NODDED HIS ASSENT.

4. SPASOWSKI THEN SAID THAT HE HOPED HILL WOULD NOT WRITE BAD THINGS ABOUT POLAND WHILE HE WAS HERE. I SAID THAT, AS HE KNEW, WE COULD NOT PREDICT WHAT HILL MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT WRITE. SPASOWSKI SAID HE KNEW THIS.

5. I HAVE INSTRUCTED BRADSHAW AND NOEL TO GIVE KONOPACKI A PIECE OF PAPER CONTAINING THE RELEVANT PARTICULARS ON RUSS HILL, DESCRIBING HIS FUNCTION AS "CORRESPONDENT -- MEMBER OF WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS," AND OMITTING ANY AFFILIATION.
DAVIES

NOTE BY OCT: MSG RAISED TO EXDIS PER MR. MACK, S/S-O.

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